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Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/576,984	Applicant(s) CHUI ET AL.	
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 21 April 2006.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 1,2,6-10,12,14-16 and 19 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 5,18 and 20 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 3,4,11,13 and 17 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 21 April 2006 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Objections

1. Claims 3-5, 11, 13 and 17 are objected to because of the following informalities:

Regarding claim 3, “the one or more compartments” (lines 4-5) needs to be changed to --the compartment or more compartments--.

Regarding claim 4, “the or each compartment” (line 3) needs to be changed to --the compartment or each compartment--. *See same deficiency in claim 16 (lines 2 and 3).*

Regarding claim 5, “the source and away from the at least one operator(s)” (lines 5 and 6) needs to be changed to --a source and away from at least one operator--.

Regarding claim 11, “pre-” (line 3) needs to be changed to --pre-operative decontamination--.

Regarding claim 13, “the or each decontamination room” (lines 2 and 3) needs to be changed to --the decontamination room or each decontamination room--.

Regarding claim 17, “the or each door” (line 2) needs to be changed to --the door or each door--.

Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

2. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

3. Claims 5, 18 and 20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Regarding claim 5, “filtration and/or scrubbing” (line 3) is not clear. What is positively recited by “filtration and/or scrubbing”?

Regarding claim 18, “air-conditioning system and/or a waste discharge system” (lines 5 and 6) is not clear. What is positively recited by “air-conditioning system and/or a waste discharge system”? *See same deficiency in claim 20 (line 4).*

Allowable Subject Matter

4. Claims 1-4, 6-17 and 19 are allowed.

5. Claims 5, 18 and 20 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C. 112, 2nd paragraph, set forth in this Office

The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter: The recitations of the specific features of the mobile containerized autopsy facility in claim 1 including especially the construction of at least one enclosure which includes at least one seamless and sealable compartment, which compartment meets biohazard safety level 3 and 4 requirements is not taught nor is fairly suggested by the prior art of record.

6. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant’s disclosure.

The cited references show several other mobile facilities similar to that of the current invention.

7. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Lori L. Lyjak whose telephone number is 571-272-6658. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday 7:30am-4:00pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Glenn Dayoan can be reached on 571-272-6659. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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